

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 159:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to allow local authorities to regulate operation of electric scooters upon  
3 highways under their jurisdiction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
7 amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (33) and  
8 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:  
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10 "(15.5) 'Electric scooter' means every device weighing less than 100 pounds that is:

11 (A) Equipped with handlebars and an electric motor;

12 (B) Powered by an electric motor or human power or both; and

13 (C) Capable of a maximum speed of no more than 20 mph on a paved level surface  
14 when powered solely by the electric motor.

15 Such term shall not include an electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device,  
16 motorcycle, or moped."

17 "(33) 'Motor vehicle' means every vehicle which is self-propelled other than an electric  
18 assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or an electric personal assistive mobility device  
19 (EPAMD)."

**SECTION 2.**

20 Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-371, relating to powers  
21 of local authorities regarding highways under their jurisdiction, by adding a new paragraph  
22 to read as follows:  
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24 "(18.3) Regulating the operation of electric scooters, provided that such regulations  
25 comply with this chapter;"

26 **SECTION 3.**  
27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.